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1. EMBASSY SUBMITS DRAFT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS
AS WELL AS INFORMAL LUNCHEON REMARKS FOR USE BY SECRETARY
VANCE.

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

I AM GLAD TO BE HERE IN VENEZUELA -- FOR THE LONG FRIEND-
SHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT.

I WELCOME THIS AFTERNOON'S OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH
PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ ISSUES WHICH CONCERN NOT ONLY
OUR TWO COUNTRIES BUT THE HEMISPHERE AND THE WORLD AS WELL.
PRESIDENT PEREZ IS A LEADER NOT ONLY HERE IN VENEZUELA, BUT
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE HAS NEVER BEEN AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT --
AS A BELIEVER IN DEMOCRACY, A CHAMPION OF THE THIRD WORLD,
A DEFENDER OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND A VOICE OF REASON IN A
WORLD THREATENED BY NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE TO YOUR GROWING COUNTRY.
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MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KIND WELCOME.

3. INFORMAL LUNCHEON REMARKS FOR SECRETARY VANCE.

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET WITH YOU HERE IN THIS LOVELY RESIDENCE. I AM
PARTICULARLY HEARTENED BECAUSE OF MY VISIT SERVES TO UNDERLINE

THE MANY BASIC COMMON INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES OUR TWO NATIONS SHARE, AND BECAUSE VENEZUELA HAS A SUBSTANTIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE HEMISPHERE AND TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

IN RECENT MONTHS, EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES HAVE SHOWN THE VERY CLOSE TIES WHICH BIND OUR TWO NATIONS TOGETHER. YOUR STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AND THE VISITS OF MRS. CARTER AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO CARACAS, PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DISCUSS THE MAJOR CONCERNS OF THE WORLD AND OF THE AMERICAS, AS WELL AS OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. MY VISIT TODAY IS A FURTHER STEP IN PERSONAL CONSULTATION BETWEEN US.

CLEARLY, THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA HAVE SEEN THE IMPORTANCE OF ADAPTING GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS TO THE REALITIES OF 1977. VENEZUELA, AMONG OTHER LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS, HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT IN RECOGNIZING THESE NEW REALITIES. THESE NEW REALITIES, INCLUDE THE NEED FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. AS I SAID IN PARIS EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING A NEW SYSTEM, ONE WHICH WILL REQUIRE TIME, ACCOMMODATION, AND MUTUAL RESPECT. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE UNDERWAY WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THE NATURE OF THE CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION WHICH SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF THESE VITAL ISSUES.

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IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL, OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE WORKING TOWARD THE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT MAN'S TECHNOLOGY SHOULD SERVE PRIMARILY BENEFICIAL ENDS. MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE SPOKEN ELOQUENTLY OF THE NEED FOR CONTROL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND VENEZUELA HAS TAKEN A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUCLEAR FREE ZONE FOR LATIN AMERICA, AND IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS CONCERNING PROPOSALS FOR GUARANTEEING THAT LATIN AMERICA WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATMOIC ENERGY WITHOUT RUNNING THE RISK OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE SHARE A COMMON BELIEF IN THE VALUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON OUR COMMITMENTS CONTAINED IN THE CHARTERS OF THE OAS AND THE UNITED NATIONS, AND HAVE REAFFIRMED THESE COMMITMENTS BY SIGNING THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

WE ALSO HAVE A MUTUAL INTEREST IN A COMMON GEOGRAPHIC AREA -- THE CARIBBEAN. OUR TWO COUNTRIES, TOGETHER WITH OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS AND RECIPIENTS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CARIBBEAN GROUP FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE PRIMARY FOCUS ON THIS EFFORT WILL BE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARIBBENA AREA. THIS INITIATIVE WILL INVOLVE THE EFFORTS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CARIBBEAN STATES TO EFFECTIVELY COORDINATE THE ASSISTANCE THAT MANY OF THE DEVELOPING STATES OF THE CARIBBEAN WILL REQUIRE TO ACHIEVE GREATER ECONOMIC VIABILITY.

WE ALSO SHARE A BELIEF IN THE HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF THE SIGNING OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, AND THE SIGNIFICANCE FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA THAT THE RATIFICATION OF THESE TREATIES WILL HOLD FOR THE PEOPLES OF PANAMA, OF ALL OF LATIN AMERICA, AND OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE AN ARTICULATE AND COGENT SPOKESMAN FOR THE CAUSES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD, OF THE THIRD WORLD. WHILE OBVIOUSLY OUR TWO NATIONS SOMETIMES DIFFER IN OUR PERCEPTIONS OF SOME OF THESE ISSUES, BOTH IN REGARD TO THE CAUSES AND, THEREFORE, TO THE SOLUTIONS, YOUR CANDOR AND DIRECTNESS, AS WELL AS YOUR COOPERATIVE SPIRIT AND UNDERSTANDING WILL CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING A SYSTEM TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR THE WARM RECEPTION YOU HAVE ACCORDED TO ME AND TO MRS. VANCE, AND TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE GREAT REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA WHICH YOU REPRESENT.

4. DEPARTURE STATEMENT.

FIRST LET ME SAY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY WHICH I HAVE RECEIVED IN THIS FAR TOO SHORT VISIT TO VENEZUELA. I AM PLEASED TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ THIS AFTERNOON IN DISCUSSIONS WHICH COVERED BOTH BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS.

IN ADDITION TO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING LAW OF THE SEA, PRESIDENT PEREZ AND I HAD A PRODUCTIVE DUSCUSSION REVIEWING THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION, AN ISSUE WHICH REMAINS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN THE FOREIGN POLICY OF PRESIDENT CARTER. OUR TALKS DEALING WITH ENERGY, NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND THE NEED FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM ARE VALUABLE, AS WERE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION, SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CARIBBEAN GROUP FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

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MY TIME HERE HAS BEEN SHORT, BUT VERY PRODUCTIVE, AND
FOR THIS I MUST THANK PRESIDENT PEREZ AND THE OTHER MEMBERS
OF HIS GOVERNMENT WITH WHOM I WAS ABLE TO MEET TODAY.

THANK YOU.
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